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HER GUN SHOW COMES TO TOWN

► After stirring controversy from Russia to Scotland for concerts that include guns and crucifixes, Madonna brings her raunch to Philadelphia ► Tells Metro: 'My show is my journey ... from darkness to light' {page 02}



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Madonna and mayhem

► Ever-controversial singer arrives here today for first American stop on her worldwide tour ► She riled up governments during last couple months ► Concert's gun props and crucifixes frowned upon across globe

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► Madonna performs during the opening night of the U.K. leg of her MDNA Tour in Hyde Park last month.

In the news

On the loose, half-naked

Radnor police are searching for a half-naked man who tried to sexually assault a woman during a break-in Saturday on in Bryn Mawr around 3:30 a.m., authorities said. The suspect entered the locked home and knocked on the woman's door before knocking her down and trying to assault her. The woman fought off the suspect, who then fled and was not wearing any shoes or clothes below the waist. **METRO**

In the news



Cop consolidation moves forward

Camden, N.J., Council yesterday approved the hiring of a public safety consultant to oversee the transition from a local police department to a regional police force. Lanuel J. Ferguson is expected to consult the city as it eliminates 270 officers in favor of a "Metro Division." **METRO**

The North American leg of Madonna's MDNA world tour is touching down in Philadelphia tonight at the Wells Fargo Center. Concerts in other countries have already left behind a wake of controversy due to the icon's X-rated stripteases, politically-charged statements and prop guns. The last issue is especially salient for Americans in light of several high-profile mass shootings that have recently rattled the nation.

Philadelphia alone has seen roughly 1,350 gun-related robberies and assaults and 79 homicides since the tour launched in late May.

"Philadelphia is known around the country as 'Killadelphia,' so it just isn't a good image that we need right now," said style director and CEO of Evoluer Image Consultants Cheryl Ann

Rep: Show will stay the same

Madonna's publicist Liz Rosenberg said yesterday that there are no plans to tone down the use of fake firearms in the artist's American tour dates.

"It's ludicrous to blame Madonna for the recent tragedies in this country and

Wadlington. "Of course entertainers have the excuse, 'It's just art,' but, well, they need to take their art somewhere else. ... Madonna has always used, whether you want to call them publicity stunts or rebellious acts and behavior, sometimes lewd, to gain attention."

Wadlington said that in a

elsewhere," she said.

Madonna called her show "the journey of my story" and said its performance brings the audience along to the discovery that the enemy is within and the only way to change the world is to change oneself.

"When you watch a film there are usually good guys and bad guys to help illustrate this point," she wrote. "Sometimes I play both."

cutthroat landscape where image is king, the pressure to one-up competitors is crushing.

"I just think that, again, it's a Madonna antic," she said. "Sometimes celebrities will do whatever it takes to stay relevant and stay on top. She's not ready to give up her crown."

But in an e-mail to Metro

yesterday, Madonna shared an "MDNA Show Manifesto" defending her performances.

"There is a lot of violence in the beginning of the show and sometimes the use of fake guns, but they are used as metaphors. I do not condone violence or the use of guns," she wrote. "Rather they are symbols of wanting to appear strong and wanting to find a way to stop feelings that I find hurtful or damaging. In my case [it's] wanting to stop the lies and hypocrisy of the church, the intolerance of many narrow-minded cultures and societies I have experienced throughout my life and in some cases the pain I have felt from having my heart broken."



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Madonna's 'manifesto' about MDNA

Here's some more from Madonna's bizarre, poem-like statement that her spokeswoman sent to Metro yesterday (her writing intact):

"My show

Is a journey.
The journey of a soul from darkness to light
It is part cinematic musical theatre.

Part spectacle and sometimes intimate Performance art."

"But above all it's a journey
From darkness to light
From anger to love

from chaos to order."

"Ultimately as we follow through the journey of my story, the audience can see quite clearly what I see ... That the enemy is within and the only way to survive Disappointment Disapproval Judgment Heartbreak Jealousy Envy And Hatred Is with Love — not with revenge — not with guns and

not with violence.

In spite of all the chaos and darkness and intolerance we seem to be encountering more and more in the world, We cannot allow our anger or bitterness to swallow us up.

We come to understand that. There is an innate and pure love inside us all and we have to find a way to tap into it."

The lewd and the crude

► May 31 — Madonna opens her tour in Tel Aviv, Israel, by emerging in a confessional and smashing a rifle through its glass window as dancers dressed like Vatican guards swing a giant incense canister in front of a huge crucifix. She later brandishes an AK47 while images of shattered skulls and bloody brains play onscreen. She ends the show by wrapping herself in an Israeli flag and calling for world peace.

► June 7 — In a performance in Istanbul, Turkey, Madonna shocks the traditionally Islamic country by peeling open one bra cup during a striptease, exposing her bare breast.

► June 12 — Madonna tops off a song in Rome by pulling down her pants and mooning the crowd.

► July 13 — A Paris performance features video of Marine Le Pen, leader of France's far right National Front party, with a swastika inked on her forehead, prompting lawsuit threats.

► July 17 — Madonna holds a revolver to her head during a London performance, then points it at her crotch and at the crowd.

► July 21 — After being warned by police in Edinburgh, Scotland, to respect the country's strict firearms laws and leave the gunplay out of her act, Madonna draws criticism when she uses the props anyway while joking that the show might be cut off. The performance also comes less than 36 hours after the mass movie theater shooting in Aurora, Colo.

► August 9 — At a tour date in St. Petersburg, Russia, Madonna tramples on an Orthodox cross and criticizes the harsh prison sentence handed down to punk band Pussy Riot for their church protest performance. She is now being sued for \$10 million on behalf of concertgoers whose lawyer claims they suffered psychological stress.

Music. 'Made in America'

► A massive concert venue for the two-day music festival in front of the Philadelphia Art Museum is now under construction.

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Set up begins for Jay Z's extravaganza

Construction of the stages in front of the city's most historic stairs will cause "minimal" traffic interruptions until Aug. 30, city officials have said. Street closures and parking restrictions along the Parkway and in Fairmount will then begin and ramp up until the festival's Sept. 1 start. Jay-Z curated the lineup of nearly 30 acts, which will perform on three stages from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sept. 1-2.

Pa. cities, NRA are waging gun battle

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► Thumbing his nose?

Pennsylvania's mayors are waging a running gun battle with the National Rifle Association.

First, mayors backed a statewide law aimed at cracking down on trafficking by forcing residents to report lost and stolen firearms. The NRA opposed it, and it died in the Legislature.

Then, more than two dozen localities, led by Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, passed similar requirements on their own. An NRA-led lawsuit failed after judges said plaintiffs didn't have standing to go to court. Now the gun-rights organization is championing a bill that would let it sue cities over the reporting rules — even if no one is charged for breaking them.

"We continue to fight the fight realizing we don't have enough political clout to win the battle," said Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski, a

"These people are thumbing their nose at the law, period. We have some local elected officials that think they can act like local tyrants and pass their own gun-control laws."

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Democrat whose city passed the rules. "All we're trying to do is protect our citizens."

What's unfolding in Pennsylvania, where 384 people were slain last year in its four biggest cities, shows how aggressive the NRA can be in fighting what it sees as challenges to gun rights. With Congress loath to act, the battles have shifted to state capitals, where the NRA has successfully backed more expansive self-defense laws, helped defeat measures aimed at identifying guns used in crimes and supported challenges to cities that pass firearm rules.

"Everybody focuses on the national level, but the reality is that a lot of gun laws are state level," said Harry Wilson, a political scientist at Roanoke College. "On the whole, they've been doing well." **BLOOMBERG**

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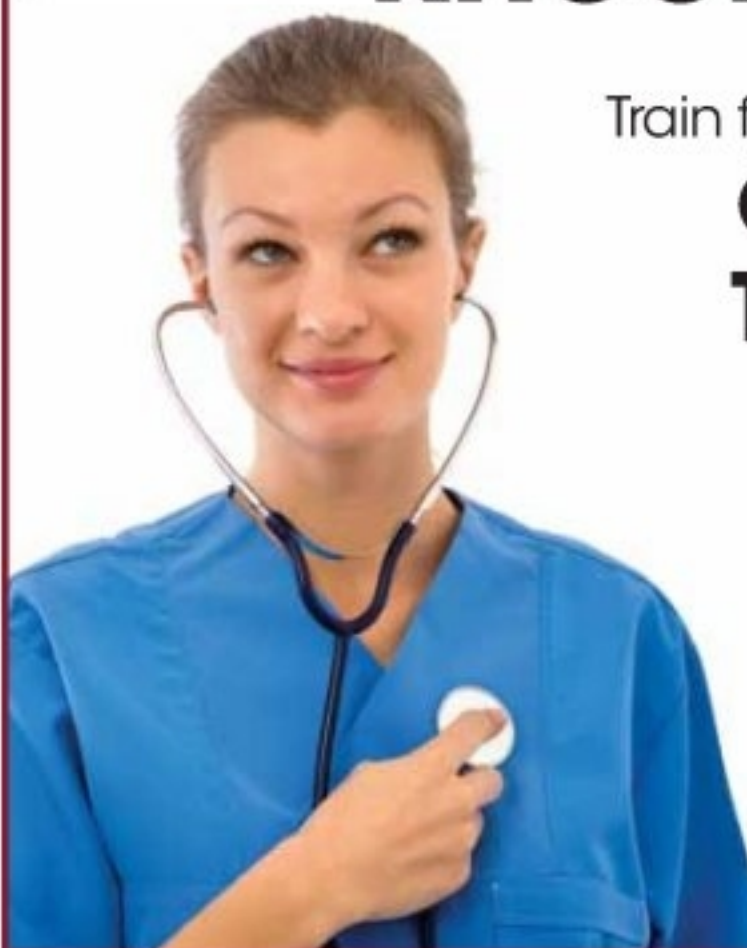
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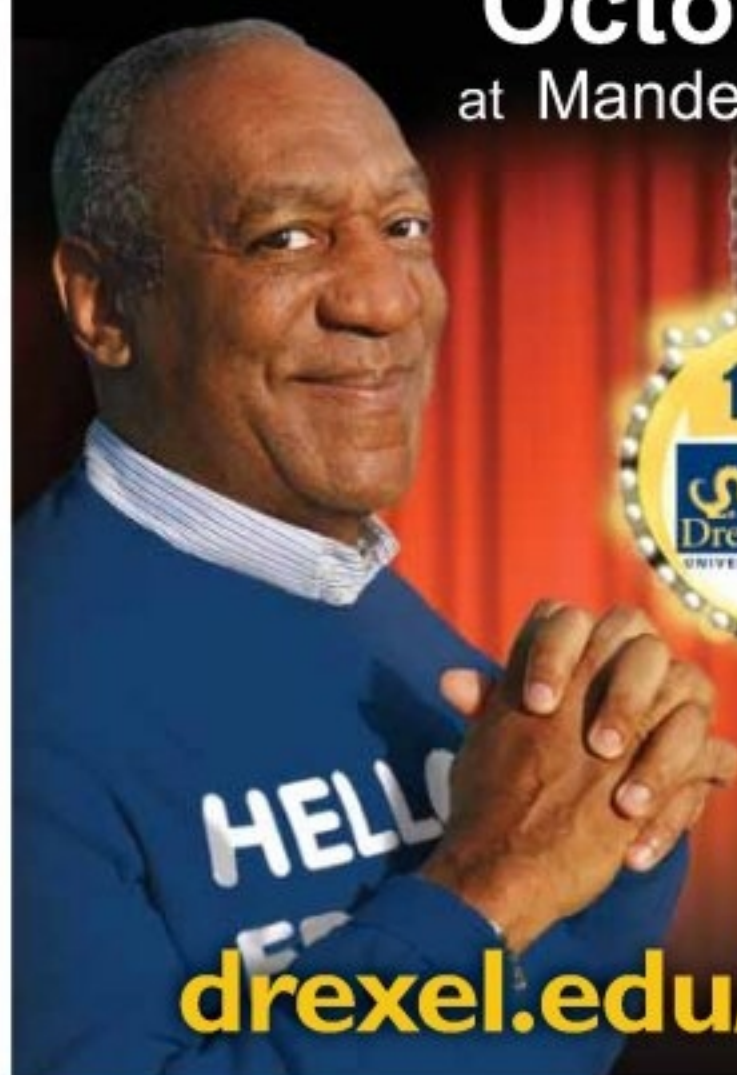
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Teens who smoke pot can damage memory, intelligence — report

Teenagers who become hooked on cannabis before they reach 18 may be causing lasting damage to their intelligence, memory and attention, according to the results of a large, long-term study published yesterday.

Researchers from Britain and the United States found that persistent and dependent use of cannabis before the age of 18 may have a so-called neurotoxic effect, but heavy pot use after 18 appears to be less damaging to the brain.

Terrie Moffitt, a psychology and neuroscience professor at King's College London's Institute of Psychiatry, said the scope and length of the study, which involved more than 1,000 people followed up over 40 years, gave its findings added weight.

"It's such a special study that I'm fairly confident cannabis is safe for over-18 brains, but risky for under-18 brains," she said.

Before the age of 18, the brain is still being organized and remodeled to become more efficient and may be more vulnerable to damage from drugs, she added.

Moffitt worked with



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Madeleine Meier, a post-doctoral researcher at Duke University in the United States, to analyze data on 1,037 New Zealanders who took part in the study. About 96 percent of the original participants stuck with the study from 1972 to today, she said.

At age 38, all participants were given a battery of psychological tests to assess their memory, processing speed, reasoning and visual processing.

Those who had used pot persistently as teens scored significantly worse in most of the tests. Friends and relatives regularly interviewed as part of the study were more likely to report that the heavy cannabis users had attention and memory problems such as losing focus and forgetting to do tasks.

REUTERS

Fat-bellied people at higher risk than those who are obese

Normal-weight people with fat bellies have a higher risk of death than the obese, according to data presented at the European Society of Cardiology conference in Munich today.

People with a normal body mass index and "central obesity," as defined by a high waist-to-hip ratio, had the greatest risk of cardiovascular-related death and the highest death risk overall, researchers said today in a statement. The risk of cardiovascular death was 2.75 times higher and the risk of death from all causes was 2.08 times higher compared with subjects with



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normal BMI and a normal waist-to-hip ratio.

"We knew from previous research that central obesity is bad, but what is new in this research is that the distribution of the fat is very important, even in people with a normal weight," Francisco Lopez-Jimenez, senior author of the study and a cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., said in the statement. "This group has the highest death rate, even higher than those who are considered obese based on BMI."

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Modifications led to Reno air show crash that killed 11

Extensive modifications to a racing airplane — nearly all of them undocumented — led to mechanical failure that probably caused the deadly crash at a Reno air show last year, U.S. transportation officials ruled yesterday.

The Galloping Ghost, a highly modified, World War II-era P-51 Mustang fighter plane, lost control while traveling at 445 knots and crashed into the stands on Sept. 16, 2011, killing the pilot and 10 spectators. Another 64 people were injured, and 16 of those were seriously injured.

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Gulf Coast starts to flee from Isaac path

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► Gulf residents stocked up on supplies and secured their homes yesterday, especially in New Orleans, which sits below sea level.

Tropical Storm Isaac closed in on the U.S. Gulf of Mexico coast yesterday, triggering some mandatory evacuation orders and disrupting U.S. offshore oil production as it threatened to make landfall between Florida and Louisiana as a full-blown hurricane.

The large, slow-moving storm swiped south Florida on Sunday before moving into warm Gulf waters. It was expected to gain hurricane force and could reach land tonight or early tomorrow, which marks the anniversary of Hurricane

Katrina seven years ago.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center warned coastal residents of potentially life-threatening flooding, or storm surge,

1,800

Hurricane Katrina swept across New Orleans on August 29, 2005, killing more than 1,800 people and causing billions of dollars of damage along the coast.

from Isaac totaling up to 12 feet (3.6 meters) in some areas.

"The weather will start going downhill overnight tonight on the northern Gulf Coast," NHC director Rick Knabb told reporters on a conference call. "Wherever it is people are going to be during the storm, they need to get there tonight."

"It is quite ironic that we have a hurricane threatening us on the seventh anniversary of Katrina," New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu told a news conference. **REUTERS**

Romney's convention limps into motion

Forget the loud music, cheering crowds and funny hats. Instead of opening with a bang as originally planned, Mitt Romney's Republican convention started with a whimper on Monday as party leaders staged a low-key session while Tropical Storm Isaac churned through the Gulf of Mexico.

The tone was deliberately subdued after Isaac led Republicans to scrap most of their first day's schedule in Tampa, complicating plans to showcase Romney to voters as the presidential candidate heads into a 10-week sprint to his Nov. 6 election battle against Democratic President Barack Obama. **REUTERS**

Rain from Isaac to help wheat, but not corn or soy

The drought-parched Midwest farm belt could get up to 5 inches of rain from Tropical Storm Isaac, but it would be a mixed blessing to farmers, as the moisture will be too late for corn and soybeans but just in time for wheat planting next month.

Rain could be of marginal help to soybeans that were planted late in the season, but not to the bulk of the crop that is fast approaching harvest due to early planting.

For farmers gearing up to plant the winter wheat crop, rain could boost moisture and get the crop in the world's top wheat exporter off to a good start. **REUTERS**



'American Taliban' sues for right to daily prayer

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► This courtroom sketch shows American Taliban John Walker Lindh, center, during his sentencing hearing in 2002.

John Walker Lindh, the so-called "American Taliban" captured in Afghanistan and imprisoned in the United States after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, testified in federal court yesterday that a ban on group prayer for Muslim prisoners was absurd.

Lindh joined a complaint filed by two other Muslim prisoners challenging a ban on daily group prayers at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., where he has been incarcerated since 2002. He was captured in Afghanistan during the fighting after the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

The bearded Lindh, 31, who is serving for fighting with the Taliban in Afghanistan, wore ankle chains in the courtroom yesterday and his hands and arms were tightly bound as he was led out after two hours of testimony.

With the help of a glossary for court officials, Lindh guided the court through a series of lessons on Muslim prayer traditions.

The prison warden halted daily group prayers in 2009 and allowed them only on the holy day of Friday after some incidents among the Muslim prisoners.

Lindh said group prayers

should be allowed because inmates in the facility are free to congregate for other reasons most of the day. He testified that there are no conversations or sermons during the prayer sessions and that attendees do not speak for most periods of the prayer service, which is led by an imam.

"If something is wrong you oppose it. If something is right you praise it," Lindh said. "Muslims can't be neutral. That is the course I am taking."

Lindh's parents were in the courtroom, according to ACLU of Indiana attorney Ken Falk, who is representing Lindh.

REUTERS

In the news

Troops punished over video of Koran burning

The U.S. military said yesterday it was disciplining U.S. troops over two incidents that provoked outrage in Afghanistan early this year, one involving a video depicting Marines urinating on corpses and another over burned copies of the Koran. But the administrative punishments fell short of criminal prosecution, and it was unclear whether they would satisfy Afghan demands for justice. Afghan President Hamid Karzai branded the Marine's actions in

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► A man in Seoul walks past a Samsung sign.

the video as "inhuman," and he initially called for a public trial for the soldiers over the Koran incident. The military did not disclose precise punishments for the troops, but Army and Marine Corps spokesmen said they fell into a category that includes administrative sanctions, like a reduction in rank or forfeiture of pay. REUTERS

Apple seeks to stop US sales of eight Samsung products

Apple Inc., which won more than \$1 billion after a jury found Samsung Electronics Co. infringed six of seven patents for its mobile devices, sought a ban on eight models of the South Korean company's smartphones, including its Galaxy S 4G, S2 AT&T, S2 Skyrocket, S2 T-Mobile, S2 Epic 4G, S Showcase, the Droid Charge and the Prevail.

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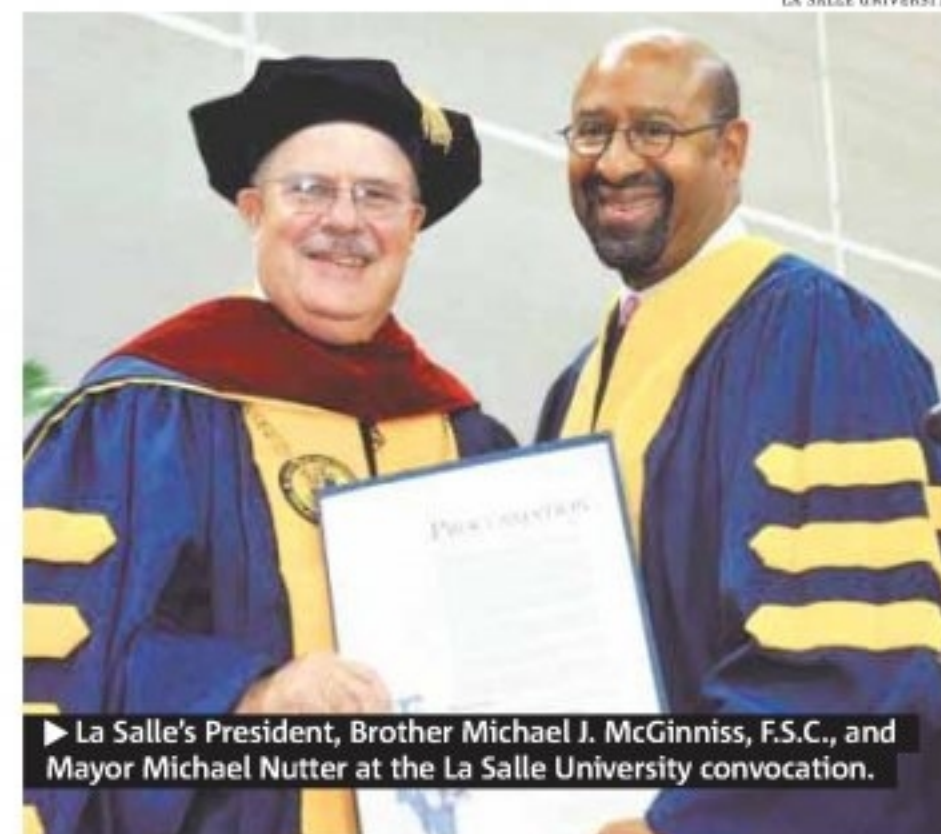
La Salle University kicked off a year-long celebration of its 150th anniversary last week at its convocation. Mayor Michael Nutter attended the ceremony on August 23 and presented an official proclamation to university president Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C.

The theme for the anniversary year is "Living the Promise," which "is our way of saying that while La Salle has grown and adapted to meet the circumstances and needs of the times, we have been faithful to our mission," says McGinniss.

"Part of our Lasallian heritage is about faith, service and community," added Brother

Bob Kinzler, F.S.C., director of University Ministry and Service. "As a campus community, we pride ourselves on the service we do." That service includes more than 50,000 hours of volunteer work by students over each of the last few years.

The university is organizing a special sesquicentennial Day of Service on Sept. 29. On that Saturday, both current students and alumni — as well as faculty, staff and friends — will volunteer in school and community renovation projects and efforts with children and the elderly. Activities are being planned for not only 45 sites in Philadelphia, but for the surrounding counties, across the country from Boston to San Francisco, and internationally.



► La Salle's President, Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., and Mayor Michael Nutter at the La Salle University convocation.

A relationship with history

In addition to service, "we also wanted to highlight our relationship with Philadelphia and our founding during the Civil War," said James Butler, profes-

sor of English at La Salle and a member of the anniversary committee. "After all, about six weeks after La Salle received its charter [in March 1863], General Lee began to plan his invasion of Pennsylvania," which ended in the Battle of Gettysburg.

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin will present a talk on Philadelphia and the Civil War next March during the Heritage Week Celebration.

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Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip [@monicaatmetro](#) [monica.weymouth@metro.us](#)

Tom Cruise kept the diamonds coming

Say what you will about **Tom Cruise** — we certainly do — but the guy isn't cheap. During their five-year marriage, Tom Cruise showered **Katie Holmes** with the type of gifts found only under the Scientology Christmas tree.

"Tom was extremely generous to Katie with lavish gifts during their marriage, and she will be keeping millions of dollars of jewelry, Hermes handbags and other luxurious items," a source tells RadarOnline. "Tom gave Katie diamond earrings as a birthday gift one year that easily cost over \$500,000, and he had custom design pieces made for her."

Under the terms of their divorce, Holmes gets to keep the swag, and she's free to sell it if her earlobes get tired — meaning, we can only hope, that she won't need that "Dawson's Creek" reunion paycheck.

Rosie O'Donnell has secretly wed

Congratulations are in order for **Rosie O'Donnell**, who quietly



► Rubber ball, or anniversary ruby?

ly wed girlfriend **Michelle Rounds** on June 9 in a private ceremony in New York before Rounds underwent surgery for desmoids tumors, a rare disease that can be life-threatening.

O'Donnell, who suffered a heart attack last week, took to her blog to share the happy

news in her signature blend of poetry, prose and vodka: "thankful for the love and support so many have given us during these trying times including all of u stranger-friends connected thru invisible strands of wi fi"

He got her number

Crafty pop star **Carly Rae Jepsen** has tracked down the last remaining human who

hasn't heard "Call Me Maybe" and promptly started dating him. "He's a really great guy and really talented," Jepsen tells People of **Matthew Koma**, 25, a fellow singer-songwriter.

Prince Harry not quite done explaining

Buckingham Palace isn't amused by **Prince Harry's** recent nude photos, but that might be the least of his problems. Apparently, he was dating on-again, off-again girlfriend **Cressida Bonas** when he decided to play strip pool with a group of girls he met last week in a Las Vegas bar.

"Cressida saw a future with Harry, but then he went and embarrassed her like he did in Vegas," a source tells U.K. newspaper The Mirror. "He clearly isn't as serious about her as he had claimed, and it's highly embarrassing. He's ruined his chances now. She's humiliated."

How do you exact revenge against a guy whose naked photos are already all over the Internet? We're not sure, but we bet Cressida has some ideas.



► From now on, you will likely only see photos of Harry holding children and saving puppies.



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@SethMacFarlane
A big part of my life is trying to apply Purell without being noticed by the person who just shook my hand.

@rustyrocks (Russell Brand)
I deny all hurtful rumours that I have invented bejeweled hover-shoes. Lawyers tell me they are fashionable.

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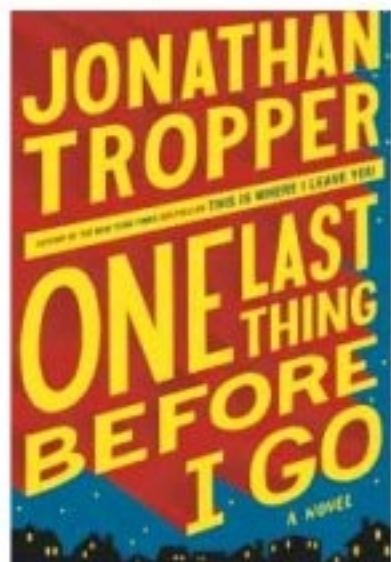
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City of lost manchildren



At the center of "One Last Thing Before I Go," the sixth novel from Jonathan Tropper, is a group of underemployed divorcees who spend their days in a poolside purgatory at The Versailles, a motel in upstate New York, doing little more than ogling girls from the local college. And somehow, the various women in their lives (and, we predict, many of Tropper's readers) still love them.

"These are men who are feeling the clock ticking on their lives," the 42-year-old Tropper tells Metro. "[They're]



looking back on the plans they made and retroactively seeing where they went wrong."

"And I don't think it's unique to men," he continues. "I think it's middle-aged angst."

The angst of "One Last Thing," however, doesn't take itself too seriously — imagine Jonathan Franzen with fart jokes. The men of The Versailles are, if not happy, content until various emergencies force them to decide how they

want to spend the rest of their lives. Tropper, whose screenplays have attracted the interest of manchild mascot Paul Rudd, spoke to Metro about his generation of late bloomers.

Do you think men are starting to feel more comfortable talking about their angst?

I do think that we've become a little more touchy-feely, but I think that men still feel less able to express that. I think the flip side of that is we live in a society now where people choose not to grow up and where men don't put away

childish things. As a result, men tend to come of age later and very often reluctantly, and that leads to a whole other level of angst that our forebears probably didn't go through.

Decades ago you finished college or high school and you went to work and you became "a man." You put on a suit and hat and you went to work. And then we gradually started to keep dressing the same as when we were teenagers and we kept up our hobbies and we played with the same toys, and there were no more delineations of when you became an

adult. There's part of you that never becomes one, and so all these rites of passage start happening later in life — and they kind of take them by surprise.

Has your screenwriting influenced your fiction writing?

I tend to overwrite my screenplays because I'm used to the room and the breadth of a novel. People say that my books read like screenplays, but they don't. Not even a little. If they did, it would be much easier to adapt them.

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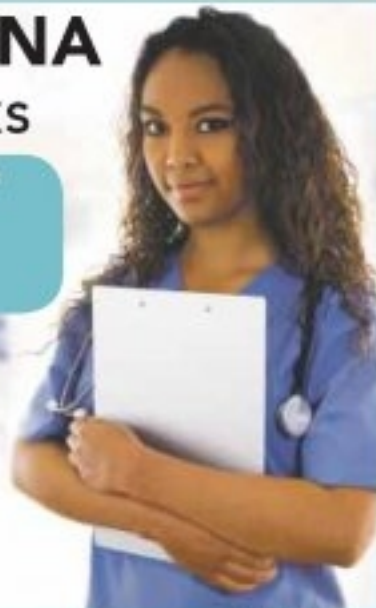
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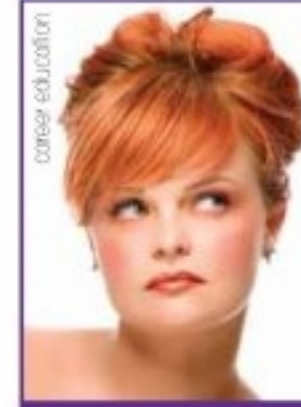
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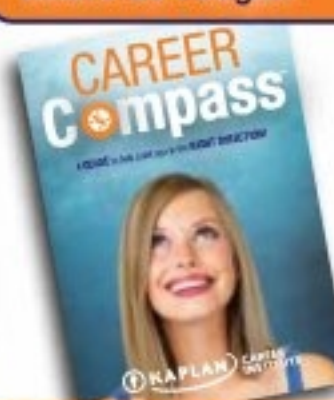
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By the numbers

Scary stats for back-to-school

- ▶ 86 percent of American high school students say that some classmates are drugging, drinking and smoking during the school day

52%

of high school students say that there is a place on or near school grounds where students go to get high during the school day.

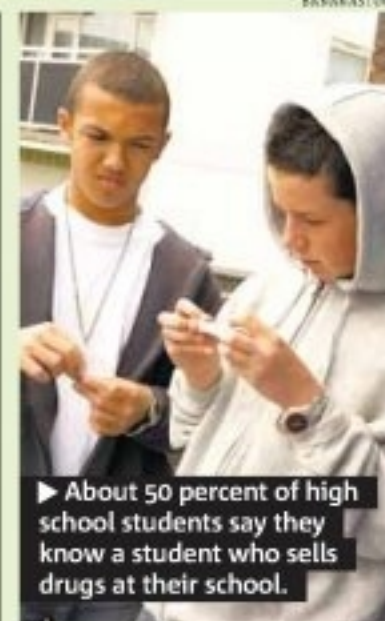
- ▶ Almost half of those surveyed know a student who sells drugs at their school.

- ▶ 52 percent of high school students say that there is a place on or near school grounds where students go to get high during the school day.

- ▶ 36 percent say it is easy for students to use drugs, drink or smoke during the school day without getting caught.

- ▶ 75 percent of 12- to 17-year-olds say that seeing pictures of teens partying with alcohol or marijuana on Facebook, MySpace or another social networking site encourages other teens to want to engage in similar behavior.

Compared to teens who have not seen pictures on Facebook or another social networking site of



▶ About 50 percent of high school students say they know a student who sells drugs at their school.

kids getting drunk, passed out, or using drugs, teens who have seen such pictures are:

- ▶ Four times likelier to have used marijuana;
- ▶ More than three times likelier to have used alcohol; and
- ▶ Almost three times likelier to have used tobacco.

Source: The National Center of Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University's 2012 Teen Survey

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Social censoring:
Wack or 'PC'?

RE: "PC" HAS PLACE IN POLITE SOCIETY" (METRO, AUG. 24-26) Perhaps the political climate in this country would improve if we add political party affiliation to the list of traits we are expected to treat in a politically correct manner.

SUSAN BELISLE, VIA E-MAIL

As I read Mr. Fox's e-mail, I was reminded of an old proverb: "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." It may well be that "PC" began with an attempt to be "polite," but it is an assault on free expression: One group of people dictates what is and what is not acceptable opinion. I have seen the marketplace of ideas increasingly dominated by these social engineers.

Increasingly, where freedom of expression is being reinterpreted, "You are free to say what you wish ... as long as we like it, or agree with it, or ... are not offended by it" — as Mr. Fox would say, "As long as it is (or I feel it is) polite." PC is a road that leads to a tyrannical society where freedom of expression is controlled and suppressed.

GARY SHARPE, VIA E-MAIL

A country in need
is the US indeed

RE: "RESTORE THAT OL' AMERICAN PRIDE" (METRO, AUG. 24-26) I'm responding to Lisa Paparo's letter on entitlement. I didn't read John McLaughlin's original letter, but I'm struck by the irony of the title: "Done anything for your country lately?"

Entitlement may be an issue, though certainly not as large an issue as you seem to think; I don't have a problem with people who work multiple jobs to support themselves and their families feeling entitled to basic health care. My question, though, is what can you do for your country if not help your fellow countrymen who are in need?

CLIFF BARGAR, VIA E-MAIL

Lance was thrown
under the bike?

Has the vendetta that the French have had with Lance Armstrong finally been successful? In that the USADA agency chief, Travis Tygart, and a handful of doped-up cyclists have now slammed our cycling winner and hero

of the Olympics and seven Tour de France races with more doping charges? We should all know that the French hated the fact that neither them nor a European won their race seven years straight. The liberal French couldn't bust Lance when every test on him came back squeaky clean, after every won time trial, race, sprint and final for seven years. How many drug tests were given? When is enough, enough?

JOHN E. BEVAN, PHILADELPHIA

Until everyone's OK
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The so-called anti-gays seemed to have overlooked a historical fact: Gays have been butchered, beaten and bullied for many centuries. Now that we are fighting back, they consider themselves to be the victims. Well, we are going to continue fighting back until we have the same legal and civil rights that they do!

DICK ZIEGENFUSS, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't allow any outside influences to cause you to be unduly rushed regarding tasks that are detailed and intricate. Haste will perpetrate serious errors.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. If you try to juggle accounts around in order to rob Peter to pay Paul, all you'll do is create even more havoc in your financial affairs.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Your loved ones will follow the example you set when you deal with them. If you are cranky, short-tempered or impatient, it isn't likely that your family life will be pleasant.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. If you have to deal with a difficult person, it might be hard to keep your anger in check. It would be best to smolder in silence.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Financial arrangements with friends could cause problems. Should a disagreement arise over something material, suffer the loss rather than jeopardize the relationship.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Sometimes there is a fine line between being assertive and being just plain aggressive. If you're not considerate, you might have trouble distinguishing between the two.

Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. It's never

a good idea to butt into a testy situation that doesn't directly concern you. You won't derive any benefits from getting in the middle of someone else's mess.

Aries March 21-April 19. If you encounter someone who is as strong-willed and inflexible about his or her opinions as you are, any trivial disagreement can quickly be blown out of proportion. Be careful.

Taurus April 20-May 20. Make sure that someone whose cooperation is essential to you is handled with the utmost diplomacy so that he or she doesn't become an adversary instead of an ally.

Gemini May 21-June 20. Don't take something that you need repaired back to an establishment that gave you problems in the past. You'd better look for a more reliable place.

Cancer June 21-July 22. You should try not to be overly possessive of a person with whom you are emotionally involved. Unfortunately, the tighter you try to hold on to him or her, the faster she or he is apt to run.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22. An outsider should not be allowed to try to help resolve a disagreement between you and your special someone. If you think things are heated now, outside intervention would only pour more gasoline on the fire.

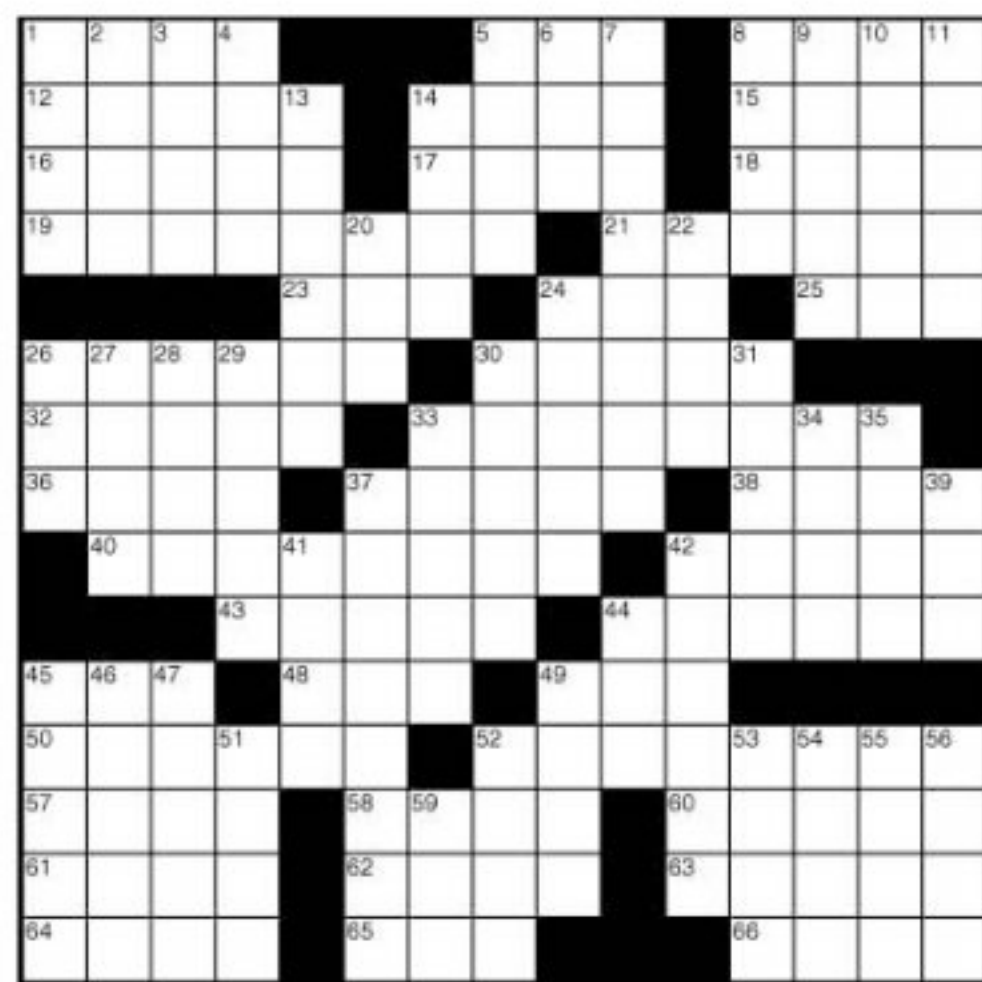
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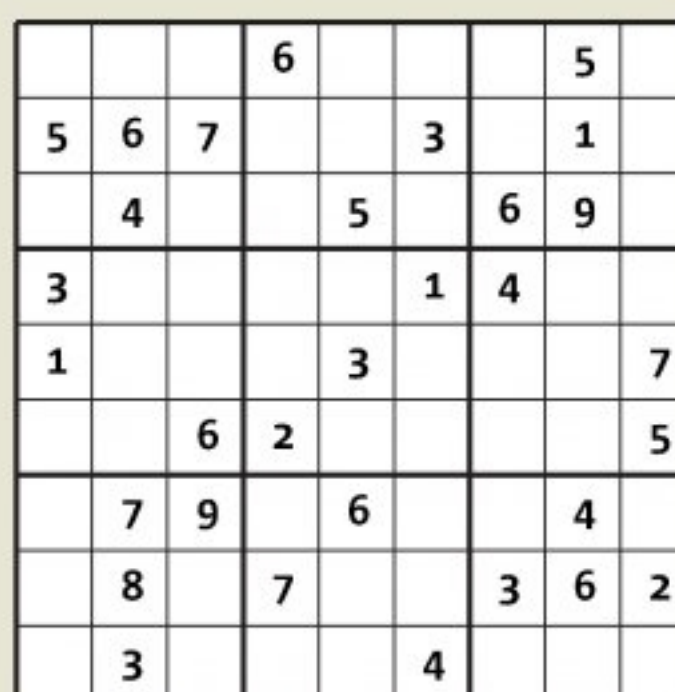
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3 Frandsen: 'All I want is a chance' with Phillies

► Journeyman trying to catch on
► Quickly becoming fan fave with glove, bat ► Manuel likes what he sees

The omission of Kevin Frandsen from the starting lineup last week created a minor uproar among fans. How can Charlie Manuel take his white, hot bat out of the lineup in favor of grizzled, oft-injured and aging Placido Polanco?

Whatever the reason, it didn't last long. Manuel used him as a pinch-hitter and Frandsen delivered with a base hit.

Frandsen, 30, is hitting a robust .351 since being called up July 27. His OPS is an outstanding .827 and he made one of the best defensive plays of the season, ranging to his left at third and throwing a strike to catcher Erik Kratz, to keep the

Quoted

"I'm going to make the most of whatever opportunities I get here."

KEVIN FRANDSEN, PHILLIES

Reds off the board.

There is one issue. Frandsen, with 87 at-bats, has a very small sample set.

Is Frandsen, who spent time with San Francisco, an overlooked gem or fool's gold? Which is a perfect way to



► Frandsen has impressed in limited at-bats this season. He may be earning himself a permanent spot in 2013.

describe outfielder John Mayberry Jr. There is only one way to tell if Frandsen is for real: Let him play.

"All I want is a chance," Frandsen said. "This is the first opportunity I've had to play every day in the major leagues.

It would be interesting to see what I can do up here. In the minors, I'm a career .310 hitter. I think I can make an impact and help this team win."

It helps that Manuel gives the gritty Frandsen the thumbs up.

"He's a good ballplayer," Manuel said. "I like what he brings to the field. He has earned the right to be out there."

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Notebook

Castillo explains LB switch

One day after Akeem Jordan started running with the first-team defense, defensive coordinator Juan Castillo explained the reasons behind the decision. Jordan took Brian Rolle's spot on the weakside.

"Akeem Jordan has probably had one of the better training camps since I've been around," Castillo said. "We grade our players every day, and Akeem has been making plays. He just deserved a chance."

Rolle told reporters at Flight Night that he expects to reclaim his starting spot "soon." Rolle said he expects to be starting Week 1.

MIKE GREGER

Kafka back at Eagles practice in limited role, vying for spot

► Injured QB cleared by doctors, takes snaps ► Status uncertain for Thursday ► Edwards still in mix, too

Injured quarterback Mike Kafka returned to practice yesterday after he was cleared by team doctors.

Kafka, nursing a broken left hand, took a few snaps and his status for Thursday's preseason finale isn't known. If Kafka is healthy enough to go, he'll likely split quarterbacking duties with Trent Edwards.

"I did just about right, just about enough as I thought," Kafka said, of his number of snaps. "[Hand] feels good, loosened it up a little bit, feels good being back out there."

Kafka hasn't played since the first preseason game, but the third-year man said he's been studying.

"The way I approached it was learning as much as I could," he said. "You can definitely get better by watching, so I worked on that."

Despite limited reps in the preseason, Eagles offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg didn't rule out Kafka stepping right in as No. 2 on the depth chart. Impressive rookie Nick Foles appears to have that role



Numbers game

The Eagles trimmed the roster to 75 players with a few injury-related moves.

► **LT Jason Peters** was placed on reserve/non-football injury list, while **DT Mike Pat-**

erson was put on the reserve/non-football illness list. **G Mike Gibson** (hip flexor) was sent to IR, and **WR Jamel Hamler** was waived. Peters and Patterson are eligible to return between Week 6 and Week 9. The Birds have until 9 p.m. Friday to cut the roster down to 53.

right now. Don't count out Edwards either.

"All of those are possibilities. We've had very few discussions on that, up-to-date,"

Mornhinweg said. "There has been some, but very few."

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